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Applicant (s): Patel et al.

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For: HYDROGENATED BLOCK COPOLYMERS HAVING ELASTICITY AND
ARTICLES MADE THEREFROM

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE A

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 6, 2003, please
reconsider the above identified application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are currently pending in the present application.

The Examiner states that the application contains claims directed to patentably
distinct species and has requested that the applicant elect fibers in which an 'other
polymer' is present or compositions in which the other polymer is not present.

Applicant hereby elects species of fibers comprising at least one hydrogenated
block copolymer, wherein the optional 'other polymer' is not present. Claims
readable thereon include 1, 6-7, 21, 23-25, and 27.

The Examiner also requests that applicant should also elect a single species of article. Applicant hereby elects A composite as recited in Claim 9. Claims 2, 3 and 9 read upon this election.

Respectfully submitted,

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